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References AA-AD and AJ-AK were cited in the International Search Report.

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References AA-AE and AJ-AK are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is required. References AL-AN are German language patent documents. An English translation of the abstract has been provided, and a full translation of these references will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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